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1. CONTENT SCIAT CONVERSATIONS WITH DR. TAL ( REFTEL)  
GENERALLY PARALLELS CONVERSATION BETWEEN POLLACK AND  
RICHMOND ( STATE) AND SHER ( ISRAELI ECONMIN, N. Y.) IN N. Y.  
MAY 16. DEPT HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS TAKING INTO CONSIDERA-  
TION CONVERSATION WITH SHER ON POINTS NOTED IN REFTEL  
( COMMENTS KEYED TO REFTEL PARAS).

(1 A, B) SINCE ISRAELIS SUGGESTED US CHAIRMAN, US SIDE WILL  
SUGGEST ISRAELI VICE- CHAIRMAN ( WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT  
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VICE CHAIRMAN WILL NORMALLY SUCCEED TO CHAIR FOLLOWING  
YEAR). WE INTEND TO NOMINATE BERGMAN.

(1 C) US SIDE HAS NO OBJECTION TO NOMINATION OF DR. TAL  
AS INDIVIDUAL AS EXEC. DIRECTOR, AND WE APPRECIATE THE

USEFULNESS NCRD ASSISTANCE TO THE FOUNDATION, HOWEVER, OUR VIEW REMAINS THAT EXEC DIRECTOR SHOULD BE A FULL TIME POSITION AT LEAST FOR INITIAL SIX MONTH PERIOD; AFTER WHICH TIME NEED FOR FULL TIME COULD BE LOOKED AT AGAIN.

US POSITION IS THAT DURING INITIAL STAGES A CLOSE A LINK AS POSSIBLE SHOULD EXIST BETWEEN BOARD OF GOVERNORS AS POLICY SETTING ENTITY AND PERSON DIRECTLY CHARGED WITH IMPLEMENTING POLICY AND ESTABLISHING THE FOUNDATION, I. E. EXEC. DIR. TO DELEGATE ENTIRE AUTHORITY FOR OPERATING FOUNDATION TO A DEPUTY WOULD IMPEDE DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOARD AND PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL DURING CRITICAL EARLY STAGE WHEN BNF DIRECTION AND POLICIES ARE BEING DETERMINED. (FYI: DEPT WAS UNAWARE OF ISRAELI CAVEAT THAT BNF EXEC. DIR. AND DIRECTOR NCRD MUST BE SAME PERSON. SHER AND ISRAELI EMB HAVE MADE NO MENTION OF THIS RESERVATION DURING CONVERSATIONS IN US; EVEN WHEN QUESTION OF TENURE AND LIMITED TERM CONTRACT FOR EXEC. DIRECTOR WERE DISCUSSED. END FYI) IN OUR VIEW RESOLUTION OF ANY IMPASSE RE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBILITY OF FULL BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

(1 D) US SIDE AGREES THAT TECHNICAL REVIEW PANELS GIVE VIEWS BY MAIL TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT OCCASIONAL TRAVEL MAY BE NECESSARY. US SIDE HOWEVER, DOES WISH TO GIVE AT LEAST INITIAL PREFERENCE TO SOME ONGOING PROJECTS IN ORDER TO KEEP PROGRAM CONTINUITY AND TO PREVENT CUTTING SHORT OF PROJECTS BEFORE COMPLETION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT " PREFERENTIAL TREATMENTFOR AN INDETERMINATE PERIOD OF TIME" WILL NECESSARILY RESULT, SINCE CURRENT PROGRAMS WILL BE ENDING AND NEW ONES CAN BE CONSIDERED ON A PARITY BASIS WITHIN CONTEXT OF PRIORITIES SET BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS. WE WILL GIVE ISRAELIS A LISTING OF THOSE ON- GOING PROJECTS WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE PRIORITY AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETED.

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(1 E) IT APPEARS THAT HAVING BNF ACQUIRE STATUS OF LEGAL ENTITY IN ISRAEL MAY JEOPARDIZE ABILITY OF US CITIZENS TO WRITE OFF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TAX PURPOSES. DEPT FEELS FURTHER DISCUSSION BETWEEN SHER OR OTHER ISRAELI LEGAL EXPERTS AND DEPT AND POSSIBLY IRS SHOULD PRECEDE INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ISRAELI LAW. (FYI: ISRAELI EMBASSY ECON COUNSELOR NAVEH, HAS SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF HAVING PRELIMINARY TALK WITH " DIRECTOR OF ISRAELI IRS" WHEN SHE IS IN WASHINGTON, WEEK OF MAY 28. END FYI)

(1 F) US SIDE HAS NO SPECIFIC PROBLEM WITH RATIONALE SUGGESTED BNF STAFF ORGANIZATION AND AGREES " LEAN" ORGANIZATION IS BEST. HOWEVER, AS STATED, WE FEEL EXEC.

DIRECTOR SHOULD AT LEAST INITIALLY BE FULL TIME. DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR WOULD BE FULL TIME AND MIGHT ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE

FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION. IF EXEC. DIRECTOR AND FIRST  
DEPUTY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, PERHAPS  
OTHER FUNCTIONS OF PART TIME DEPUTY FOR FINANCE WOULD BE  
MERELY MANUAL, E. G. COUNTERSIGNING CHECKS, AND COULD BE  
PERFORMED BY "TREASURER" WHO MIGHT BE FULL TIME EMPLOYEE  
OF ISRAELI MIN FIN OR OTHER ORGANIZATION. A SECOND  
PROFESSIONAL DEVOTING SIGNIFICANT TIME TO PROPOSAL AND  
GRANT PROCESSING COULD THEN BE POSSIBLE.

(1 G) US SIDE APPRECIATES ISRAELI OFFER TO PREPARE  
APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR MEETING AND WOULD LIKE TO GET  
THEM BEFORE MEETING IF POSSIBLE.

2.) JUNE 25-26 MEETING DATES CONFIRMED. US GOVERNORS  
ATTENDING ARE STEVER, POLLACK, SCHAEFFER, SENCER AND  
SPIEGEL. POLLACK AND SPIEGEL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
WIVES. MR. A. E. RICHMOND, JR., DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE  
OF GENERAL SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS (STATE/SCI) WILL ALSO  
ATTEND MEETINGS. HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL BE SINGLES  
FOR SCHAEFFER, SENCER, STEVER, RICHMOND AND DOUBLES FOR  
POLLACK AND SPIEGEL. AMERICAN COLONY HOTEL HAS BEEN  
RECOMMENDED AND IS PREFERRED IF POSSIBLE. STAY IN ISRAEL  
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AS FOLLOWS:

STEVER - JUNE 24-29  
SCHAEFFER - JUNE 24-26  
SENCER - JUNE 23- JULY 2  
POLLACK - JUNE 24-29 ( NOT DEFINITE)  
RICHMOND - JUNE 24-29 ( NOT DEFINITE).

EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED OF DEFINITE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE  
TIMES ASAP.

3.) US SIDE ARRANGING FOR OWN TRAVEL AND DOES NOT INTEND  
TO CHARGE BNF. IN OUR VIEW, PREFERABLE THAT FUNDS BE  
RESERVED TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR RESEARCH  
PURPOSES. SIMILARLY, WE SEE NO NEED FOR SEPARATE CAR  
FOR EACH BOARD MEMBER. IF ISRAELIS WISH TO PROVIDE  
TRANSPORTATION A CAR FOR CHAIRMAN WOULD SEEM SUFFICIENT.  
TAXIS CAN BE USED AS REQUIRED.

4.) WE WILL ADVISE YOU ASAP OF SIGHTSEEING AND OTHER  
TRAVEL DESIRES OF US MEMBERS. GENERAL PREFERENCE IS  
THAT ISRAELIS ARRANGE A " GENERAL PROGRAM" FOR US SIDE  
AS A GROUP FOR POSSIBLY WED. JUNE 27, WITH INDIVIDUAL  
ARRANGEMENTS FILLING OUT THE WEEK.

5.) US SIDE AGREES WITH EMBASSY COMMENTS AND INTENDS TO APPROACH MEETING IN STATED SPIRIT.

6.) US SIDE BELIEVES QUESTION OF EXEC. DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBILITY OF BOARD AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING. HOWEVER, WE INTEND TO AVOID A " VOTING SITUATION" IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. QUESTION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING OF US MEMBERS IN WASHINGTON JUNE 6. OUR INITIAL FEELING IS THAT, ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DEVISE AN ARRANGEMENT SATISFACTORY TO US AND TO TAL; WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ISRAELI VIEW, NEW TO US, THAT EXEC DIRECTOR MUST BE ALSO DIRECTOR NCRD. THIS CAVEAT COULD HAVE EFFECT OF ERODING POLICY CONTROL BY BOARD.

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2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ADVISE TAL AND OTHER INTERESTED ISRAELIS OF SUBSTANCE OF US SIDE VIEWS AS STATED ABOVE RE ITEMS (1 A, B, D, F, G). RE ITEMS (1 C), AND (6) PLEASE REAFFIRM OUR INTEREST IN FULL TIME INITIAL EXEC. DIRECTOR NOTING HOWEVER THAT US SIDE WILL LOOK AT QUESTION AGAIN AT MEETING JUNE 6. IF DIFFICULTIES PERSIST, QUESTION SHOULD BE RESOLVED AT BOARD MEETING.

3. RE ITEM (1 E), NOTE THAT PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN WITH REGARD TO ABILITY OF US CITIZENS TO DEDUCT CONTRIBUTIONS IF BNF IS LEGAL ENTITY IN ISRAEL, AND STATE OUR DESIRE TO TALK WITH ISRAELI LEGAL EXPERTS ( POSSIBLY SHER) ASAP, AND BEFORE ANY STEPS ARE TAKEN IN ISRAEL.

4. RE ITEM (3) INDICATE OUR DESIRE TO FOREGO SEPARATE CARS AND TRAVEL CHARGED TO BNF IN ORDER TO CONSERVE AND TO EMPHASIZE RESEARCH PURPOSE OF BNF.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ISRAELI SIDE REACTION. RUSH

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